

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependent claims.  
No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment.

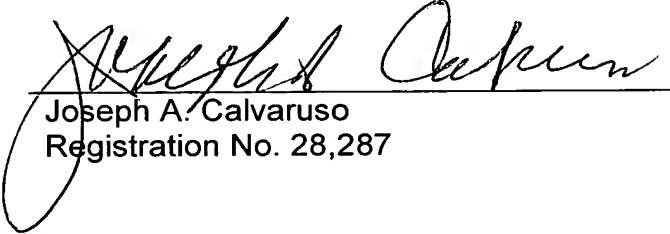
**AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees  
which may be required for consideration of this Amendment, or credit any  
overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5570. A  
DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,  
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